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Applicant: Peter Matthewson )  
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 Appln. No.: 10/048,076 )  
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 I.A. Filing Date: August 16, 2000 )  
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 Title: Information Coding )  
     Techniques )  
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 Group Art Unit: Not assigned )  
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 Examiner: Not Assigned )  
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 Docket No.: 8420/86129 )

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Dear Sir:

This Petition is being filed in response to a Notification of Abandonment of the above-identified application which was mailed November 15, 2002. The Notification of Abandonment states: "Applicant has failed to respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS, mailed 04/26/2002 within the time period set therein."

It is requested that this Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn because the application has not in fact been abandoned. On June 3, 2002, within the provided time interval, Applicant, via the undersigned attorney, filed a complete response, copy enclosed, to the MISSING REQUIREMENTS Letter via Express Mail, package No. EL 245 940 499 US. Enclosed in that package was a return receipt post card which has been stamped as received by

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the United States Patent and Trademark Office and which has been returned to the undersigned attorney, copy attached. Among other documents enumerated on the returned post card and the Express Mail Certificate of Mailing were the required copy of the MISSING REQUIREMENTS notice and the required declaration executed by the inventor, copies enclosed.

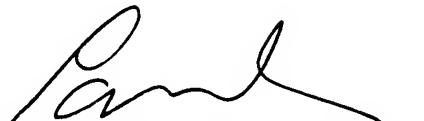
It is believed that the copy of the return receipt card as well as the Certificate of Mailing by express mail and the attached copies of the documents which were so-mailed to the Patent Office represent the appropriate response to the Notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS and it was in fact received by the Patent Office within the allowed time interval.

Authorization was provided in the Response Transmittal Letter to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 23-0920. As such, it is believed that any fee requirements have also been met. Any fees due in connection with this application should be charged to Deposit Account 23-0920.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the application be forwarded for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

BY

  
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**ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION  
 LETTER**



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Date Mailed: 11/15/2002**NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has made the following determination:

- Applicant has failed to respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS, mailed 04/26/2002 within the time period set therein.

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Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Enclosed: Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail; Paper entitled: Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) 371 Formalities Letter; copy of Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) 371 Formalities Letter; executed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application (37 CFR 1.63); Change of Correspondence Address Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33; and self-addressed, postage prepaid postcard for receipt-acknowledgment by the Patent Office Mail Room.

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Entitled: Information Coding Technique

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*Dawn K. Lecher*  
*June 3, 2002*

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***RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
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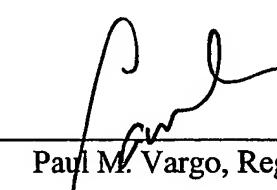
This is in response to the attached Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed April 26, 2002. Enclosed is an executed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application (37 CFR 1.63), and a Change of Correspondence Address Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.33

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Dear Sir:

Undersigned attorney is hereby advising the United States Patent Office of a change in correspondence address in the above-identified application. All correspondence should be addressed to Paul M. Vargo at the following law firm:

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